

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 1~~ An electronic system, comprising:
a system board;
a connector mounted on the system board;
an electronic card attached to the connector, the card overhanging the connector at least
on an inward end of the card;
a guide secured to the system board, wherein the guide is adapted to inhibit lateral
movement of the card; and
a latch connected to the guide and adapted to aid in retaining the electronic card in the
connector, wherein the guide is adapted to provide a side constraint which substantially prevents lateral flexing of the card at a point where the guide contacts the card.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The system of claim 1~~ An electronic system, comprising:
a system board;
a connector mounted on the system board;
an electronic card attached to the connector, the card overhanging the connector at least
on an inward end of the card;
a guide secured to the system board, wherein the guide is adapted to inhibit lateral
movement of the card; and
a latch connected to the guide and adapted to aid in retaining the electronic card in the
connector, wherein the guide contacts one or more side surfaces of the card.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the guide contacts two opposed side surfaces of the card.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]] 3, wherein the guide is positioned along a bottom edge of the card.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]] 3, wherein the latch is adapted to cooperate with a feature on the electronic card.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]] 3, wherein the latch is adapted to engage with an opening in the electronic card.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[1]] 3, wherein the guide includes a side wall and the latch is connected to the side wall.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the latch comprises a lever which pivots about an axis which is parallel with a lengthwise axis of the connector.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the latch includes a base portion between the pivot axis and the system board and wherein the base portion is adapted to aid in the removal of the electronic card from the connector.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the guide and the latch comprises a one-piece assembly.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 12~~ A method, comprising:
providing a system board;
mounting a connector on the system board;
attaching an electronic card to the connector, the card overhanging the connector at least
on an inward end of the card; and
securing a guide to the system board;

providing a latch connected to the guide;
inhibiting lateral movement of the card with the guide; and
inhibiting removal of the electronic card from the connector with the latch, wherein inhibiting lateral movement of the card comprises providing a side constraint with the guide which substantially prevents lateral flexing of the card at a point where the guide contacts the card.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 12~~ A method, comprising:
providing a system board;
mounting a connector on the system board;
attaching an electronic card to the connector, the card overhanging the connector at least
on an inward end of the card; and
securing a guide to the system board;
providing a latch connected to the guide;
inhibiting lateral movement of the card with the guide; and
inhibiting removal of the electronic card from the connector with the latch, wherein inhibiting lateral movement of the card comprises contacting one or more side surfaces of the card with the guide.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the guide contacts two opposed side surfaces of the card.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[12]] 14, wherein the latch is adapted to cooperate with a feature on the electronic card.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[12]] 14, further comprising: engaging an opening in the electronic card with the latch.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[12]] 14, wherein the guide includes a side wall and the latch is connected to the side wall.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the latch comprises a lever which pivots about an axis which is parallel with a lengthwise axis of the connector.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the latch includes a base portion between the pivot axis and the system board and wherein the base portion is adapted to aid in the removal of the electronic card from the connector.